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1. OECD SEC GEN VAN LENNEP CALLED ME URGENTLY LAST
EVENING TO POINT OUT HIS EMBARRASSING SITUATION IN
HAVING RECEIVED NO APPROACH FROM USG WITH CANDIDATES
FOR HIM CONSIDER AS REPLACEMENT FOR DEPUTY SEC GEN
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TIMMONS. REPEATING PLEAS PREVIOUSLY MADE TO ME, TO

CASEY AT NAIROBI, AND TO OTHERS, VAN LENNEP SPOKE
WITH GENUINE ANXIETY OVER FACT THAT TIMMONS DEPARTURE
NEXT MONTH WILL LEAVE CRITICAL VACANCY.;

2. ALTHOUGH HE ALLUDED TO ALL THREE TOP POSTS HELD BY
AMERICANS HERE (IN SECRETARIAT AND MISSION) WHOSE STATUS
IS STILL UNRESOLVED, VAN LENNEP CONCENTRATED THIS CONVERSATION
ON TIMMONS REPLACEMENT, SAYING HE DOES NOT SEE HOW HE CAN
CARRY OUT HIS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OECD UNLESS HE CAN
HAVE NEW DEPUTY OF EQUAL ABILITY AND HAVE HIM FAST.
HE OBSERVED THAT USG HAD NOTIFIED HIM MANY MONTHS AGO THAT
IT WOULD NOT RENEW SECONDMENT APPOINTMENT FOR TIMMONS
BEYOND DECEMBER AND THAT IT WOULD BE OFFERING HIM CANDIDATES
FOR CONSIDERATION. IF US NOW FEELS INCAPABLE OF DOING
THIS, HE WOULD BE OBLIGED TO TURN TO OTHER MEMBER GOVERNMENTS,
THOUGH HE HOPES THAT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY.

3. COMMENT. VAN LENNEP CONFIRMED PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ABOUT
QUALIFICATIONS HE IS SEEKING. HE WANTS MAN WITH ECONOMIC
TRAINING AND POLICY SENSE, BUT WOULD USE HIM LARGELY IN
EXECUTIVE OR MANAGERIAL CAPACITY, HENCE CANDIDATES SHOULD
HAVE EXPERIENCE DIRECTING LARGE STAFF. I AM CONVINCED
THAT VAN LENNEP'S NEEDS AND CONCERNS ARE GENUINE AND
THAT WE MUST SUBMIT TO HIM TOP-GRADE CANDIDATES WITHOUT
FURTHER DELAY.

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